

she seemed tired of iron
and that sort of things, and
this always does me good.
I asked Papa if he had any
message for you on the
political situation. He
said he would like to if he had
time to think about it but
he did not want to send you
any message unless he
could get the best of your
news myself. I think he is
very well satisfied about the
appointment of a committee
to settle the matter, and I
am sure it will be a great
relief to have it off ones mind.
I suppose you will have
a pretty heavy bill at the
dentists will you not?
We are quite overwhelmed
with reading matter now
what with Scrivener, ^{the} Atlantic
all the papers etc. Be good
to yourself darling. Always

Wednesday eve

Dear Millie

Yours letter rec. Sorry
your household arrangements
do not go on smoothly. I do
think I am highly favoured
in the matter of Chiman.
Our gardening operations
came to a pause in consequence
of the rain. Very willing we
were to pause for that knowing
that in the end we should
gain. We have had a good rain
and orders come in thick and
fast. Had me as good a stock
as last year could do a fine
winters business; but Papa
begins to groan over the
orders, because he has not all
the trees to fill them.

I had a letter from Aunt Jennie today. She says Miss Dickens is very sick, has paralysis of one side, cannot see out of one side or use the hand or arm on that side. Is in very critical condition. Letters from Joe and Charlie tell about the usual story. C. says school no manner of trouble etc etc.

Guess he gets the blamed once in awhile over the fact that he had to work so long to pay up the loss on his farming. I am sure I am sorry for him. Ask Mrs Sill if she would like a Cantana, also if the little clematis that Annie took down, lived? I wonder if she would like some Begonias. I have two or three kinds. You know they do not do well

out doors except in the summer. Can you get your letters at Berkley yet? If the circulating library is increased, you will have more to do, will you not. By the way I have no particular admiration for Jane Stedman. Did not know her very well. Think she was of Yankee birth, but after becoming intimate with the Puges and Bucans who were St. Louis (Missouri) perhaps she was ashamed of the Yankee, or perhaps the Yankee was not sarcastic. Who knows? Annie seems to me brighter since the rains. Did she tell you that Papa prepares her a dose of his bitters every morning? and that she weekly takes it? Perhaps it will do her good at any rate I felt that she needed some tonic and